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TOM LYTHGOE, CHAIR

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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
January 12, 2009**

Present: Commissioners Lythgoe and Kirsch; Craig Doolittle, County Sheriff; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor/Jefferson County Courier*; Eddie Smith

MINUTES

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adopt the minutes of December 15. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adopt the minutes of December 22. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adopt the minutes of December 29. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Commissioner Lythgoe noted the receipt of the FY 2008-2009 annual financial report from the Clerk and Recorder.

Commissioner Lythgoe noted the receipt of December expense and revenue reports from the Clerk and Recorder.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Lythgoe noted the receipt of an e-mail from MACo regarding reporting for expenditure of Title III funds. He stated that he is not sure that we have spent any out of last year's Title III monies. This will be checked with Bonnie and the report filled out accordingly.

Commissioner Lythgoe read a letter stating that the Divide Ride has selected Boulder as its gathering place. A meeting will be held on January 20th at 3:00 at the Racing Burger to learn what they will need to do to comply with local regulations. Commissioner Kirsch will attend.

1/12 Jefferson Broadband - 5:30
1/13 Commission interviews - Barbara Sunderland - 9:00
- Leonard Wortman - 10:30
- Ike Jessee - 1:30
MTAG - 5:00
1/14 Tri-Co Fire - Helena - 9:00
Area IV on Aging - Whitehall - 10:00
Elkhorn Working Group - 3:00
1/18 Holiday - County offices closed

COMMISSIONER SELECTION

COUNTY SURVEYOR

NORTH JEFFERSON COUNTY BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

MSTI PUBLIC MEETING

VETERAN'S HOME PUBLIC MEETING

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he veteran's home meeting later that had 57 in attendance. It was a very positive meeting. The meeting was opened for comments, ideas, suggestions and a number of them were received. The project has a lot of community support.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

AMEND RESOLUTION 50-2009 SETTING HOLIDAYS FOR 2010

This resolution needed to be amended as New Year's Day 2011 will be observed in 2010. Commissioner Kirsch moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

DISCUSS DETENTION MEDICAL INSURANCE POLICY

Craig Doolittle, County Sheriff, said that this was brought to his attention by Commissioner Kirsch. He has asked the County Attorney for his opinion as well. Craig stated that basically what this is, is an inmate medical insurance program. They take care of the claims administration management and they provide a medical insurance program. It covers most things if followed by a hospital admission, which most of Jefferson County's incidents aren't. This program covers only county inmates, not federal Marshal Prisoners, immigration prisoners, or state prisoners. There is a \$10,000 deductible and a policy limit of \$250,000 per inmate, per contract year. The cost is determined by how many people in the state do the program. If 50% or better counties in the state that do this, \$.53 per inmate, per day, and up to \$.65 per inmate per day, based on the percentage of counties. It could cost Jefferson County \$242 to \$300/month. Has to be paid to MACo prior to the 15th of the month, based on how many inmates on the 20th of the prior month. Craig said that an average per year of what he budgets for medical services and medications for the inmates is about \$6,000.

Commissioner Lythgoe asked if there are any other options out there. Craig said that this is the first thing that he has seen for detention facilities. Currently, they bill the inmate and their third-party insurance. Commissioner Lythgoe asked, based on Craig's experience, that we haven't had more than the \$6,000 in expenses in any given year. Craig said that we haven't, not on an average basis.

Commissioner Lythgoe asked Craig if this is something that he is interested in. Craig said that in talking to Matt and Bonnie, it seems that we would be paying more than what we have been. On the other hand, that is what insurance is for. Commissioner Lythgoe asked how long this has been around. Craig said that he has been seeing this for several months.

Craig noted that, for the most part, county inmates very seldom are there for any length of time. There may be a wide fluctuation in the numbers of county inmates.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that Craig is saying that the Commission needs to decide if we want to spend the money, but Craig needs to decide if he wants to pay for this out of his budget. Craig said that he doesn't. When it comes down to it, if there was a major event, no one has the \$10,000 deductible in their budget.

Commissioner Kirsch said that he has heard that if someone is on Medicare and they are incarcerated, they will lose their benefits. Craig said that he isn't sure; it may depend on the reason for and length of the incarceration. Commissioner Kirsch asked that Craig check this out; he has heard stories of older people who can't afford to pay for their medical expenses and

committing a crime so that they are taken care of.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that at first blush, this doesn't look like a great deal to him. Craig said that it comes down to the scenario of paying off your vehicle, dropping the insurance coverage, and getting into an accident the next day. Statistically, however, this insurance would not have helped us in the past. We have a fairly high turnover rate, with no one inmate that is a county inmate being there for more than 30 days.

Commissioner Kirsch said that we have had two instances where people were shot and killed. If one of them had survived, would we be responsible for their treatment. Craig said that he isn't sure. He can check into that.

Commissioner Lythgoe asked what, typically, are the inmates' medical needs. Craig stated that it is typically minor illnesses; we have had some maternity patients, we do have a contract nurse, and ambulance service. Commissioner Kirsch stated that he has seen the bill for drugs, and it is pretty high.

Commissioner Lythgoe asked how often are medical expenses paid for by the inmate's insurance. Craig stated that it is quite often. Billed directly to the inmate's insurance by the doctor or hospital.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that the county would be better off to establish a fund for catastrophic medical expenses.

RESOLUTION 01-2010 SETTING COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Commissioner Lythgoe read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 01-2010

SETTING MEETING DAY FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the governing body of the County will, by resolution, establish a regular meeting date and notify the public of that day; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the County, except as may be otherwise required of them, may meet at any time for the purpose of attending to County business; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Montana has determined that every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. is the best time for their regular meeting for the purpose of conducting its official business; and

WHEREAS, it was further determined that claims would be approved every Tuesday

morning at 10:00 a.m. and that the Commission will meet with the Road Supervisor for departmental updates at that time also.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of each week will be the regular meeting date and time, effective the 12th day of January 2010, and that every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. of each week will be the time set for claims approval and Road updates. Roberts Rules of Order shall be adhered to at these meetings, and professional speech will be used by the Commission in talking with and about each other, employees, board members and the general public, and that there will be no claim of criminal activity by anyone, unless they have been convicted of said criminal activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the policy providing for public participation in public meetings as stated in Resolution 05-2004 will be continued.

DATED this 12th day of January, 2010.

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, CHAIR

DAVE KIRSCH, COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Kirsch moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 02-2010 ESTABLISHING OFFICE HOURS

Commissioner Kirsch read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 02-2010
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING OFFICE HOURS

WHEREAS, §7-4-102, MCA, stated that, unless otherwise provided by law, each officer shall keep the officer's office open for the transaction of business during the office hours determined by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has consulted with the Elected Officials to determine their office hours; and

WHEREAS, other county offices, excluding Elected Officials, may require different office hours based upon the number of employees and availability, but that public access to staff and public documents must be maintained as best county department budgets permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all Jefferson County Elected Official's offices shall be open between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. with the following exceptions:

County Attorney's office	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Treasurer's office	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sheriff's office	open 24 hours a day
County Superintendent of Schools	Mon & Tues 8 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wed 8 a.m. to noon

DATED this 12th day of January, 2010.

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, CHAIR

DAVE KIRSCH, COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Kirsch moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 03-2010 SETTING PER DIEM/TRAVEL RATES

Commissioner Lythgoe read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 03-2010

SETTING PER DIEM RATES AND MILEAGE CLAIM

WHEREAS, the governing body of the County shall, by resolution, establish a per diem

rate for mileage reimbursement for in-state and out-of-state; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the County shall, by resolution, establish rates for in-state and out-of-state meal reimbursements and in-state and out-of-state lodging reimbursements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following rates shall be set for reimbursement of mileage and meal reimbursement, and lodging:

Standard mileage will be 50 cents per mile up to 1,000 miles, and will be 47 cents thereafter.

State lodging rate of \$70 plus tax, other than those specifically listed as high cost areas: Gallatin County, Silver Box County, Lewis and Clark County, Missoula County, Lake County and Flathead County. Out-of-state lodging rates are subject to the federal per diem rates set by the US General Services Administration by state.

Meal reimbursement shall be as follows:

In-state:

Morning meal, between 12:01 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. is \$5.00
Midday meal, between 10:01 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. is \$6.00
Evening meal, between 3:01 p.m. and 12 midnight is \$12.00

Out-of-state:

Morning meal, between 12:01 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. is \$7.00
Midday meal, between 10:01 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. is \$11.00
Evening meal, between 3:01 p.m. and 12 midnight is \$18.00

DATED this 12th day of January, 2010.

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CLERK AND RECORDER

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Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

SIGN NOTICE OF AWARD AND AGREEMENT FORM – HANSON LANE CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Commissioner Lythgoe signed the forms.

Commissioner Kirsch moved to adjourn. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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